

registered on the General part or a Supplementary part of the Register, shall be entitled to give one vote for each or any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected by the Registered Nurses of the class to which he or she belongs.

To be eligible for nomination and election on the General Nursing Council Nurses must apply for Registration before the 1st of October, prior to the date of election so as to allow a period of eight weeks to enable the nominations to be made, voting papers sent out, returned and scrutinised.

#### 4. RETURNING OFFICER.

The Chairman of the General Nursing Council shall be the Returning Officer for the purpose of elections of the Nurse representatives.

II. To report that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Cattell, Miss Dowbiggin and Miss Peterkin have been appointed to consider and report on the Registered Uniform and Badge.

III. To report that from January 1st to February 10th, 494 Applications for Registration have been received and acknowledged:

General Register	..	464
Supplementary Registers	..	30

#### IV. To recommend the following for approval:

Applicants eligible	81 (list appended).
Applicants ineligible	38 (list appended).

The latter list includes all applicants found ineligible since the November Meeting of the Council.

#### V. To recommend to the Council:

"That applicants who have complied with the requirements set forth in the Rules, whose applications for registration are approved by the Council, shall have their names entered by the Registrar in the appropriate parts of the Register, and shall be granted a certificate, and that authority is hereby given to affix the Seal of the Council thereto."

(Signed) ETHEL G. FENWICK.

In response to the Chairman, MRS. FENWICK explained that in connection with the "Draft Prescribed Scheme for the Election of Persons Registered as Nurses on the General Nursing Council for England and Wales," the Registration Committee were instructed in 1920 to frame this scheme. The Committee began to consider it in January, 1921, and had it under consideration until March of that year. They had tried, in drafting this scheme, to follow the principles adopted by the Minister in nominating the Nurse Members of the first Council, giving representation to all classes of nurses. The Committee proposed that (1) *eleven* persons should be elected by the Registered Nurses on the General Part of the Register, and that of these eleven, *six* must be past or present Matrons of Training Schools for Nurses, four of them Matrons of General Hospitals (not less than one of whom must be the Matron of a Provincial General Hospital) and two Matrons of

Poor-Law Infirmaries (one of whom must be the Matron of a Provincial Poor-Law Infirmary) and (2) *Five* "Registered Nurses" (who are not Matrons of Hospitals) one of whom must be engaged in the Public Health Service.

In regard to representation of the Nurses on the Supplementary parts of the Register the Committee recommended that there should be *one* Male Nurse, *two* Mental Nurses (Male and Female), *one* Fever Nurse, *one* Sick Children's Nurse to be elected by the Nurses on the Supplementary parts of the Register of the class to which he or she belongs.

In connection with voting for the nurses representing those in the Supplementary parts of the Register, as well as the General part, in cases where a registered nurse was qualified to exercise such votes, the Committee had had plural voting under consideration and, while recognising its disadvantages, were of opinion that on the whole it was the most practical and appropriate method. They therefore recommended that a nurse should be entitled to vote for the representatives on each part of the Register in connection with which she was qualified to vote.

#### NOMINATION PAPER.

In regard to the nomination of the Registered Nurses entitled to be elected on the General Nursing Council, the Committee proposed that they should be duly nominated on a form prescribed for the purpose, and that each nomination paper must be signed by 12 Registered Nurses. That was following the precedent of the General Medical Council.

In drafting this Regulation, Mrs. Fenwick said she had left out the words "resident in England and Wales," as formerly agreed to by the Committee; all nurses on the Register were entitled to vote wherever resident.

In regard to the Election, the Committee considered that to be eligible for nomination and election on to the General Nursing Council nurses must apply for Registration prior to the 1st of October, before the election, in order to allow of a sufficient period for the nominations to be made before the election takes place, as a new Council assumes office in January, every five years.

The Chairman of the Council had consented to act as the Returning Officer, Mrs. Fenwick suggested that after the word "Council" should be inserted the words "or any other persons whom the Council may from time to time appoint," in case the Chairman was unable to act.

SIR JENNER VERRALL enquired whether the Committee had considered whether Clause IV of the Act (presumably the Schedule to the Act) permitted the 16 persons to be elected in accordance with the "prescribed scheme."

The CHAIRMAN said the "prescribed scheme" meant the scheme prescribed by the Council. There was no doubt whatever that the scheme if passed, would be in order, including plural voting. He was sure they could adopt it if they wished, though it was not a good method.

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